

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NUMBER 1906-N-74-L

RE: APPLICATION OF CONNECICUT MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION, INC TO OPERATE THREE (3) MOTOR VEHICLES, HAVING A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN (11) ADULTS, IN GENERAL LIVERY SERVICE BETWEEN ALL POINTS IN CONNECTICUT FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN NEW HAVEN.

DECISION

JANUARY 2, 2020

I. INTRODUCTION

A. General

By application filed on June 4, 2019, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Connecticut Medical Transportation, Inc. (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 129 Church Street, Suite 410, New Haven, Connecticut 06510, seeks authorization to operate three (3) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) adults, in general livery service between all points in Connecticut from a headquarters in the town of New Haven.

B. Hearing Held

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing on this application was held on December 23, 2019.

Notice of the application and of the hearing to be held thereon was given to the applicant and to such other parties as required pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103. Legal notice to the public was given by publication on the department's website.

A hearing officer designated by the Commissioner, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-17, conducted the hearing on this matter.

C. Appearances

Gamila Elbashir, Thoraya Mohamed Ahmed and Zeinab Hassan appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 129 Church Street, Suite 410, New Haven, Connecticut 06510.

II. FINDING OF FACTS

- 1. The applicant seeks to operate three (3) motor vehicles in intrastate livery service from a headquarters in New Haven.
- 2. The applicant's main goal is to help the community with regard to providing transportation in a multilingual setting. The languages to be used are English, Arabic, Spanish and sign language.
 - 3. The applicant's assets include cash of \$27,815.
- 4. The applicant's first six month of costs includes insurance of \$27,000, vehicle maintenance of \$300, property tax of \$156 and advertising of \$129.
- 5. The applicant will operate the following vehicles which are fully paid for: two (2) 2007 Mazda CX7 SUV and a 2011 GMC Acadia.

- 6. The drivers of the three (3) vehicles will be Stephanie Fuller in addition to two other individuals already identified by the applicant.
- Two of the principals have worked in transportation as either a driver or in the office overseeing medical transportation.
- The three officers of the corporation Gamila Elbashir, Thoraya Mohamed Ahmed and Zeinab Hassan do not have a criminal record.
 - The applicant is in the process of contracting with Veyo. 9.
 - 10. No opposition was presented to a grant of this application.

III. DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

The department has jurisdiction over each person, association, limited liability company or corporation owning or operating a motor vehicle in livery service, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-102, as amended.

In determining whether a livery permit should be granted, the department shall take into consideration the present or future public convenience and necessity. The applicant must prove that the public's convenience and necessity will be improved by the proposed service. Additionally, the applicant must show the suitability of the applicant or the suitability of the management if the applicant is a limited liability company or corporation, the financial responsibility of the applicant, the ability of the applicant efficiently and properly to perform the service for which authority is requested and the fitness, willingness and ability of the applicant to conform to the provisions of the statutes and the requirements and regulations of the department thereunder, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103.

In support of financial wherewithal, the applicant presented evidence of the following: insurance costs of \$27,000, vehicle maintenance of \$300, property tax of \$156 and advertising of \$129 for a total expense of \$27,585. The applicant has cash of \$27,815 in its bank account, which is sufficient to cover these costs. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant has proven its financial suitability to operate the requested vehicles.

With regard to suitability, the applicant provided the department with the requisite criminal conviction history forms for the three officers Gamila Elbashir, Thoraya Mohamed Ahmed and Zeinab Hassan which show no criminal convictions. Two of the owners have some experience in transportation driving or working in a livery office. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to be granted the livery authority.

The applicant is also required to prove that public convenience and necessity would be improved by a grant of this application. In that regard, the applicant presented evidence that they have many community contacts. They are in the process of contracting with Veyo and have connections with other organizations in the community who can refer them work.

amended, the application of Connecticut Medical Transportation, Inc. is hereby granted and Livery Permit Number 3690 is hereby issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NO. 3690 FOR THE OPERATION OF LIVERY SERVICE

Connecticut Medical Transportation, Inc. is hereby permitted and authorized to operate three (3) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) adults, in general livery service from a headquarters in New Haven.

RESTRICTIONS:

The applicant must register the three (3) vehicles granted under this decision within sixty (60) days from the date of this decision.

The authority granted under this permit may not be sold or transferred until it has been operational, i.e. a vehicle registered with livery plates thereunder for not less than twenty-four (24) months.

This permit shall remain in effect until revoked by the department. Failure of the permit holder to maintain proper insurance and/or comply with all pertinent motor vehicle laws and other state statutes and/or the rules, regulations and orders of the department may from time to time prescribe thereunder may result in a citation action against the permit holder.

A memorandum of this permit, bearing the seal of the department, shall be kept conspicuously posted in the motor vehicles operated under this permit.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on this 2nd day of January 2020.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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